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### C. C. BESTOR.

Kansas Day next Friday.

Senator Sherman will be the next Secretary of State.

Congress devotes more time to Cuba than to home affairs.

Coxey has bolted the Populist party and organized a new one which he calls the "United State Party."

The dictation of Ed. Little was evident in Gov. Leedy's message. Preparing state papers is one of the duties of a private secretary.

While General Coxey was away saving the nation by bifalutin theories the men in his stone quarry went off on a strike because their wages were not paid. Coxey ought to have issued legal tender, non-interest bearing, long time bonds or notes given by himself payable in work (of the other follows: Coxey only works his jaws) and thus averted the strike.

Because banks are mismanaged and fail, the Populists say that McKinley's election does not bring the promised prosperity. But McKinley is not responsible for any such failures. He has not yet taken his seat and even if he had he would not be responsible for the mistakes of others. Cattle, hogs, wheat and corn have more than maintained their ante-election prices and by putting factory hands at work and increasing the demand still further for these articles of farm production a still further advance in prices may be looked for.

The "truck" of politics has never been more apparent than the past two or three weeks in the attention of Republican papers have given to the matter of a Presidential Elector, W. H. Linton, who is alleged to have deserted from the Union army. Linton left his regiment, an Ohio one, after the war was over, becoming tired of waiting for a discharge, or not caring to wait. But the most ridiculous phase of this incident, often repeated in print, is the assertion that

the Populists were grievously alarmed over the probable loss of old-soldier voters they would sustain because Linton, a deserter, had been chosen Elector. How short sighted! What do old soldiers care, who vote the Popocrat ticket, and probably one-third of them in the State do, for a little thing like Linton's default? Didn't one-third of the old soldiers in Kansas vote for an ex-Confederate for Congress in preference to a Union soldier and thereby make his election sure? And also vote, practically, for the great pension-vetoe for President in preference to a distinguished and faithful "comrade?"

Sol Miller, in his Troy Chief, gives this bit of personal history: "There may be old printers in Kansas whom we do not know of; but the only two in the state who began the business before we did, to our knowledge, are John Speer, and S. D. McDonald, of Topeka—and Speer has been out of business for so many years that we may claim to be the older printer of the two. Judge W. C. Webb, of Topeka, was a printer many years ago, before we began. On the 28th of this month, if our wind holds out so long, we will enter upon our fiftieth year in the business. And it has been continuous service, without cessation or lay-off. We never tramped, or went into some other business; but from the first time we entered a printing office to the present, have buckled down to the work. By the way, we have helped to put in type some mighty interesting history in these forty-nine years. The last year of the Mexican war; the revolutions of France, Germany and Hungary; the discovery of gold in California; the usurpation of the Empire by Louis Napoleon; the Crimean war; the Franco-Italian war; the great American rebellion; the war between Prussia and Austria; the French-German war and the downfall of the Empire of Louis Napoleon, and all the lesser wars since that time."

### APPORTIONMENT AND POKER.

[F. C. Montgomery, in Kansas City Journal.] "One of the hottest contests which will take place in the Legislature this winter," said a well known ex-member of the State Senate yesterday, "will be over the apportionment of the state into Congressional districts. There is a great deal of rivalry between the Populist politicians and each will strive to fix up a district suited to his own Congressional aspirations. To settle the contention it may become necessary to resort to the method employed in the Legislature in 1883, which was the last apportionment. Did you ever hear about that? Well, let me tell you the story. "The Senate committee on apportionment in that year was composed of the following gentlemen: W. J. Buchanan, Wyandotte; E. H. Funston, Allen; W. P. Hackney, Cowley; George H. Case, Jewell; Eugene Ware, Bourbon; Perry Hutchinson, Marshall, and Harrison Kelly, Coffey. Four bills were referred to this committee, but the choice finally simmered down to two, one of which was known as Senate bill No. 121 and the other as Senate bill No. 151. For days and days the committee wrangled over which of these should be returned to the Senate as the majority report, three being in favor of one and three in favor of the other, while Senator Hackney alternated between the two after a fashion which left neither side sure of him.

"One night, after a long session in which no progress was made, Senator Hackney was seized with an inspiration which he materialized into the following proposition: 'Boys, let's play a game of "freeze-out" to settle which one of these bills shall be reported favorably.'

"The suggestion found instant favor. The committee adjourned to Perry Hutchinson's room at Gordon's hotel where 'Gene Ware was made master of ceremonies. The first announcement he made was this: 'Now, fellows, this is a mighty important matter and it ought to be settled in a scientific manner. To remove the element of luck as far as possible I am going to issue each a hatful of 'chips.' With 500 apiece a little bit of bad luck won't break a man and in the end science is bound to prevail.'

"Sitting the action of his words, Ware issued each of the players a big, unbroken box of lucifer matches to serve as 'chips' and the game commenced with each of the seven members of the committee in his place. In the meantime news of the game had got out among the other legislators and Hutchinson's room was soon crowded full of interested spectators, many of whom appeared attired only in their shirt, pants and stockings. Crowded behind each player were a dozen or more of his partisans, who offered all sorts of advice and suggestions as the game progressed. I remember Senator M. T. Jones in particular. He was then the Republican Senator from Neosho county, but is a member of the present House as a Populist. He stood behind Bill Hackney, and every now and then Bill would show him his hand and say: 'Jonesy, how would you draw on that?' Jonesy always offered his advice, and for a time he proved a veritable mascot, for every time Bill followed his advice the result was a 'full house' or something nearly as good.

"Hour after hour the game progressed, sometimes one and sometimes another being in the lead. Funston fell out early in the proceedings and laid down across the foot of the bed. Whenever Bill Hackney got a particularly good hand he would turn around to Funston and say, 'What do you think of that, old Hayseed?' At one time Harrison Kelly had his big white hat nearly full of matches and crowded over his adversaries in glee. Finally Bill Buchanan caught a flush and pretty nearly emptied that hat, when

jocularity in that direction ceased at once.

"But to make a long story short the players were 'frozen out' one after another until, at three o'clock in the morning, only two were left—'Gene Ware and Bill Buchanan—and science had triumphed. As 'Gene and Bill were both in favor of the same bill, of course the game stopped when it had reached the issue between them.

"The next morning, Bill Buchanan, as chairman, made a report to the Senate that the committee had agreed upon a bill. Bill Hackney did not exactly 'gig back,' but he seized the opportunity to explain matters to the Senate. He said: 'Mr. President, 'Gene Ware and Bill Buchanan beat us hayseeds in a game of poker last night and we have got to lie down. I never will forget that morning. There was a Sunday school delegation on the floor of the Senate and the look of horror which spread over their countenances when Bill Hackney made his statement about the poker game is something easier imagined than described. C. H. Lebold, the Abilene banker, was at the head of this delegation and ever after he spoke in bitter terms of the men who participated in this famous poker game. It might be reverently added, however, that none of these players ever broke up a bank which did not pay five per cent to its depositors.

"There you have the story, and it is a true one. The present Congressional apportionment in Kansas was determined by a poker game, though in this connection it is proper to say that the bill which was in this manner determined upon was conceded by all to be the best bill then pending before the Legislature and its material features met the approval the House, where poker was not relied upon to establish its status."

### ROTHSCHILD AND SILVER.

The report is current that the Rothschilds have been quietly purchasing large numbers of silver mines in the United States. Within the last three or four months, it is said, they have closed deals whereby they have secured 127 mines in New Mexico alone. This is supposed to mean, says the Kansas City Journal, that these great financiers are preparing to corner the silver of this country, and, when they get all of it into their hands, force the money powers of Europe to remonetize the metal and thereby greatly increase their wealth.

This will be cheering news for the vociferous free coinage shouters, whose larynxes have not yet healed from denunciation of the Rothschilds and other hated money kings, abroad and at home. How will such a programme appear to the virtuous Bryan, the immaculate Altgeld, or the heroic Tillman? To think that the unholy hands of the Rothschilds should pollute the white metal by their sacrilegious touch is enough to drive them to the brink of despair, and probably would if the trio were really sincere in their protestations for silver.

One of the favorite arguments of the advocates of free coinage was that the Rothschilds and other money kings had depressed the price of silver for the sole purpose of "killing it," increasing the value of gold and fastening the yoke of bondage upon the necks of the plain people. Now it seems these plutocrats are scheming to raise the price of the product for their own private gain, just as the mine owners of the West were trying to do when they backed Bryan in his recent campaign. This places the bonanza silver kings and the hated Rothschilds in the same boat, and the 16 to 1 fellows in a delicate position.

Mr. Bryan has been trying to say what constitutes a Democrat. As he did not vote for Cleveland in 1892 he will hardly deny that his idea of a Democrat is extremely expensive.

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